

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

All information in the Initial Statement of Reasons is still current.

a) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not on school districts. There are no "state-mandated local costs" in these regulations because there are no new costs to local agencies.

b) Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) did not consider alternatives because Senate Bill (SB) 89, Chapter 24, Statutes of 2017, Section 15 repeals the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) requirement in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 10830. CDSS is legally bound to repeal regulations based on this WIC section. In addition, SB 89, Section 16 and WIC section 10831 require CDSS to implement and maintain an automated, nonbiometric identity verification method in the CalWORKs program. CDSS is legally bound to develop regulations implementing this WIC section as well.

CDSS determined that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

c) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

CDSS determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete in other states. This determination was made based on the proposed regulatory action, which was designed to impact only the regulations only affect individuals applying for the CalWORKs program.

d) Testimony and Response

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the March 6, 2019 public hearing, in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimonies were received during the public comment period from January 18, 2019 to March 6, 2019.